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| Form PTO-1390 | | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER P26669 |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/524420 Not Yet Assigned | |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/10440 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE August 19, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED August 20, 2002 | |
| TITLE OF INVENTION SOFT CAPSULE PREPARATION | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Reiko KAWAMURA and Yuya EGAWA | | | |

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

- ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below.
- ☒ The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
 - ☒ is attached hereto.
 - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
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- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:

- Assignee: Nikken Chemicals Co., Ltd. of Tokyo, Japan
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- ☐ A substitute specification.
- ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☐ Figure of Drawing to be published:
- ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
- ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
- ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).
- ☒ Other items or information:
Cover Letter Filed Under 35 USC 371 & 37 CFR 1.495.
Copy of International Application as published (in Japanese -I cover page -10 pages)
Copy of International Application as filed (in Japanese -11 pages)
PCT/ISA/210-International Search Report (in English & Japanese); PCT/RO/101-PCT Request (in Japanese)
PCT/IB/301; PCT/IB/304; PCT/IB/308; PCT/IB/332; PCT/IPEA/408 (in Japanese); PCT/IPEA/409 (in Japanese)
Claim of Priority

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Sir:

Enclosed is a new National Stage patent application for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.495. The Declaration and Power of Attorney attached thereto are in unexecuted form. A properly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed within the period of time set in a Notification to be mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.


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